



RS Tera Class Association National Championships 2019

24th – 26th August 2019



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - REGATTA FLEET

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Brightlingsea SC in conjunction The RS Tera Class Association UK

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020* and the International RS Tera Class rules. See Notice of Race.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS


Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board inside the main clubhouse.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS


Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day that they will take effect, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the signal mast by the main slipway.

4.2 When flag AP  is displayed ashore the first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the flag is lowered.

4.3 Boats shall not leave the slipway until flag D  is displayed.

4.4 Competitors shall wear personal buoyancy at all times afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y  will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.

5. REGISTRATION & EQUIPMENT INSPECTIONS

- 5.1 Competitors shall complete all registration requirements before racing.
- 5.2 Any medical conditions that you wish to make the organisers aware of must be written in a sealed envelope with the sailor's name on it and handed in at registration. These can be collected from the race office after the event, or will be destroyed.
- 5.3 A nominated Class Association representative may make spot scrutineering checks, prior to and during the event.

6. SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Event	Time	Where
Friday	23rd August 2019	Registration	17:00-19:00 – 10:00	TBC**
Saturday	24th August 2019	Registration	08:30-10:00	TBC
		Safety Briefing	10:00	TBC
		Competitors' Briefing	10:30	TBC
		1st warning signal	11:55	
		AGM	18:30	TBC
Sunday	25th August 2019	Safety Briefing	08:45	TBC
		1st warning signal	09:55	
		Barbeque	18:30 (after racing)	TBC
Monday	26th August 2019	Safety Briefing	08:45	TBC
		1st warning signal	09:55	
		Prizegiving	Asap after racing	TBC

** An updated schedule including the locations of registration, briefings, barbeque and prizegiving will be provided on the Official Notice Board.

Any number of races may be sailed in the regatta.

The final day of racing will be 26th August 2019, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 on 26th August 2019.

At the Race Officer's Discretion, it is likely that all races during a day will be sailed without time to go ashore between races.

7. FLEET FLAGS

RS Tera Regatta Fleet

REGATTA

8. RACING AREAS

Racing will be in the Colne Estuary.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagrams in Attachment A show the course to be sailed.
- 9.2. The course to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Boat.
- 9.3. The race will last as close to the target time for the leading boat as possible (25 minutes), at which point the course will be shortened.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 The Course Marks will be described to the competitors at the briefing.


11. THE START

- Races will be started by using RRS 26. (5, 4, 1, go).
- 11.1 An orange attention signal will be displayed at least than 5 (five) minutes before the warning signal (10 minutes before start).
- 11.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a mast displaying an orange flag on a boat or a dan buoy at the port end.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finishing line will be the race committee signal boat staff displaying a blue flag at the Starboard end, and a boat or buoy with an Orange flag at the Port end.
- 12.2. Scoring other boats:
 - 12.2.1. After the first boat has sailed the course and finished, the race committee may score other boats based on their relative positions at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course.
 - 12.2.2. When a race committee boat displays flag W with two sounds, boats still racing may be scored by this race committee boat.
 - 12.2.3. When a boat is scored in accordance with this instruction, she shall be given score for a place after all boats that have sailed the course and finished. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

When the course is shortened flag S  will be displayed.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit and target time in minutes is as follows:

<i>Time limit</i>	<i>Target time</i>
40	25

14.2. Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes may be scored according to their observed position on the course, which may be the position at the last mark rounded. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 As this is an event aimed at competitors new to the sport, any protests and requests for redress will be used as part of the learning process.
Protest forms will be available from the coaches and they will help you fill these in.

16. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.

- 16.1 1 race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 (a) When up to 3 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores except her worst score.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 A competitor that retires from a race shall, as soon as possible after coming ashore, sign a declaration sheet in the race office.
- 17.2 Competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Flag Y will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 17.3 Competitors are asked to note that the beach known as Second Beach which lies to the East of the estuary is a Nature Conservation area with landing restricted to an area designated between the two arrows.
- 17.4 All sailors shall wear a whistle attached to their buoyancy aids. All boats shall carry a towline (painter) of at least 8 m in length (measured from the fitment point) permanently attached to the standard fitment position in front of the mast. Painter rope specification as per class rules. Ideally, minimum 6mm diameter floating rope.

- 17.5 Each competitor will be required to have a masthead float securely attached in conditions above a Force 3, although it is strongly recommended that these are used at all times whilst on the water.
- 17.6 A tally system is to be used for the safety of the competitors for the duration of the championship.
- 17.6.1 Individual tally numbers will be issued at registration.
- 17.6.2 Competitors shall individually tally out before racing and individually tally in as soon as practicable on returning to shore after racing.

18. SUPPORT BOATS

No Support boats other than those officially involved in the organisation of the event will be allowed to launch.

The official event photographer may move between the starting line and course marks in order to photograph the event, this boat will display a distinguishing flag.

19. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans, lakes and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and officials boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Race Management Team and may be less than disqualification.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £ 3 million per event or the equivalent.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.'

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

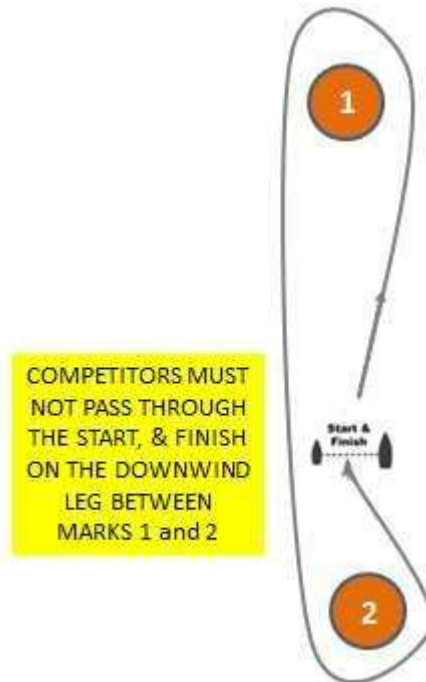
- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- (b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- (e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- (f) The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances; and
- (g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims.

SI Attachment A Courses

The course for each fleet and the number of laps will be clearly displayed on the Race Committee Boat prior to the warning signal of each race.

COURSE W

Mark rounding order - Start - 1 - 2 - Start/Finish - repeat



COURSE T

Mark rounding order - Start - 1 - 2 - 3 - Start/Finish - repeat

